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SUBJECT: INDIAN UN PERMREP'S VIEWS ON POSSIBLE SECURITY
COUNCIL ROLE ON CYPRUS

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH AMB LEONARD AUGUST 22 ON
A NUMBER OF UN ISSUES, INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL INDICATED
THAT HE WAS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSING A
POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL ROLE IN DEALING WITH THE CYPRUS
SITUATION. JAIPAL SAID HE BELIEVES IT IS UNLIKELY THAT
WALDHEIM WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORCEFULLY IN THE MONTHS
AHEAD TO BRING ABOUT A RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIA-
TIONS. NOR DOES HE HAVE MUCH CONFIDENCE IN EITHER ECEVIT
OR KYPRIANOU. IT IS TIME, THEREFORE, FOR THE SECURITY
COUNCIL TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN TRYING TO RESOLVE
THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

2. JAIPAL'S PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO HAVE THE COUNCIL CREATE
A SMALL COMMISSION OF EMINENT CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITIES
WHOSE TASK WOULD BE TO WRITE A DRAFT
CONSTITUTION FOR A FEDERAL STATE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE
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CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED ON THE ISLAND SINCE 1974.
IF IN PRINCIPLE THIS IDEA WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GREEKS
AND TURKS, IT COULD PROVIDE A GRACEFUL WAY FOR THE GREEKS
TO MOVE AWAY FROM THEIR CURRENT POSITION OF HOPING TO GET
SOMETHING CLOSE TO THE PRE-1974 TYPE OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.
JAIPAL SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE TURKS WILL NEVER AGREE
TO SUCH SWEEPING POWERS FOR A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AS WERE

IN EFFECT AT THAT TIME. JAIPAL THOUGHT THAT AUSTRALIA AND CANADA, BOTH OF WHICH HAD FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONS COULD PROVIDE USEFUL MEMBERS OF SUCH A COMMISSION.

3. THESE VIEWS ARE AN EXTENSION OF JAIPAL'S THINKING DURING THE JUNE 1978 SC DEBATE ON THE RENEWAL OF UNFICYP. SPEAKING IN THE COUNCIL ON JUNE 16, 1978, HE SAID "THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT HAS ALSO MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE NOW HOPELESSLY DEAD-LOCKED AND THAT THE TIME MAY BE RIPE FOR DEALING WITH THE PRESENT STALEMATE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR THE COUNCIL ITSELF TO EXAMINE THE DEADLOCK AND THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS IN DEPTH. IF THE STALEMATE SHOULD BE OF A PERMANENT CHARACTER, THERE IS NO VALID REASON, IN OUR OPINION, FOR INDEFINITELY CONTINUING THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS AT ENORMOUS COST."

4. INDIA HAS ONLY 4 MORE MONTHS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT JAIPAL WILL TRY TO RAISE HIS PROPOSAL THIS FALL. GREEKS AND TURKS WILL PROBABLY HAVE THEIR MISGIVINGS. BUT PROPERLY PRESENTED AS THE UNANIMOUS VIEW OF THE COUNCIL, IT COULD PERHAPS GIVE A BADLY-NEEDED PUSH TO THE PARTIES. PERHAPS THE COMMISSION COULD DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR BOTH INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS AND A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM. JAIPAL SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE COUNCIL

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OR ANY BODY ESTABLISHED BY IT COULD USEFULLY GET INVOLVED IN THE TERRITORIAL PROBLEM.

5. WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER WHETHER JAIPAL'S IDEAS OUGHT TO BE ENCOURAGED. YOUNG

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